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PLAN UNDER WAY FOR RAILROADS TO CONCEDE EIGHT-HOUR DAY

FOLLOWING CONFERENCE BETWEEN RAILROAD MANAGERS AND PRESIDENT WILSON, THIS REPORT BECAME CURRENT IN WASHINGTON TODAY.

Railroads are said to be ready to concede eight-hour day to the interstate commerce commission or some body to be formed for that purpose. The railroad men if they will make concessions so as not to put too heavy a burden upon the railroads—outlook for peace since Wilson has taken charge of the situation.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—After the committee of railroad managers had held another conference with President Wilson today, it became known that a proposal was under consideration by which the railroads would accept the principle of the eight-hour day for the brotherhoods, leaving the working out of its application to the interstate commerce commission or some body to be formed for that purpose.

The railroads are understood to be ready to concede the principle of the eight-hour day providing the employees will make a concession so as not to put too heavy a burden on the railroads.

The outlook is much more hopeful for a peaceful settlement of the differences between the railroads and the brotherhoods since President Wilson has taken over the work of bringing about a settlement of the troubles and averting a nation-wide strike.

TO PETITION COUNTY COM- MISSIONERS

COMMITTEE FROM THE BUSINESS MENS ASSOCIATION APPOINTED THIS MORNING TO PREPARE AND CIRCULATE PETITIONS.

The directors of the business mens association met this morning and appointed a committee to prepare and circulate petitions asking the board of county commissioners to call a special election for the purpose of voting bonds for road purposes.

The committee is composed of George Henley, I. M. Putnam and C. E. Ringer and they went to work immediately on the proposition in order to have the petitions ready to present to the board at their next regular meeting.

The commissioners have stated all the time that the only thing they desired was a petition from the taxpayers asking for this election and they would call it, otherwise they would defer it until the regular election in November when they would authorize it without a petition. It costs \$750 to hold an election in this county and the commissioners desire that they be petitioned before they spend this money.

"My troubles are driving me to drink," said a citizen. "I wish you would lend them to me, then," said his friend around the corner.

WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., Aug. 15.
—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Wednesday is partly cloudy.
Local Temperature.
Maximum yesterday 103
Minimum yesterday 78

ARMY FEARING RAILROAD STRIKE

FEAR OF BIG RAILROAD STRIKE CAUSES REVOKING OF ORDER FOR MORE GUARDSMEN.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD

War Department Officials Fear That Strike of the Railroad Men Would Seriously Hamper the Food Supply At Mexican Border.

San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 15.—The order for twenty-five thousand more guardsmen to proceed to the border has been revoked, according to an announcement at Funston's headquarters here today.

The war department has notified him that the troops would continue to be held in the state mobilization camps. It was understood that the delicacy of the railroad strike situation was the moving consideration.

General Funston recommended that the troops not be sent as a consummation of the threatened railroad strike might hamper the food supply on the border. This developed the fact that estimates given the civilian population of the border flour for only one week ahead and the army but little more.

THE DOME QUESTION COMES UP AGAIN.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 14.—Strong efforts will be made at the next session of the legislature to put through an appropriation to build a lofty dome on the state capitol. Dr. Joe Clark, assemblyman from Johnson county, declared yesterday. Doctor Clark takes issue with Stephen Douglas, member of the capitol commission, who stated recently that a dome was not wanted and that it would be too expensive.

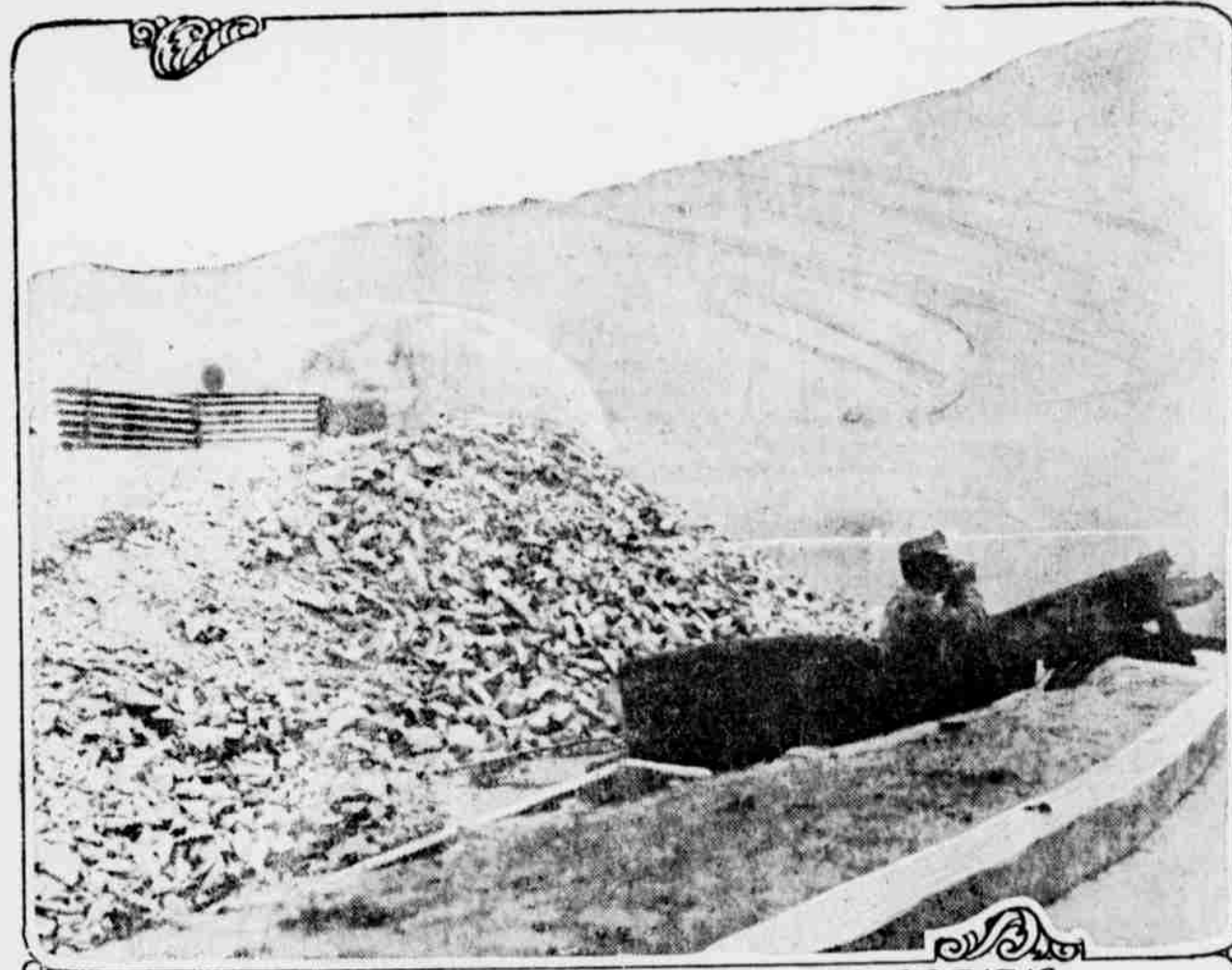
"There will be a fight in the next legislature to have a dome put on the building," Dr. Clark said. "Without a dome the building looks like a hospital. I know the people of my county would be willing to subscribe a dome fund if the legislature refuses to make the appropriation."

Cost Overestimated.
"Mr. Douglas, in a recent statement, declared it would cost \$250,000 to put a dome on the capitol. Being a member of the commission, he knew that the Stewart Construction company made a price of \$149,000 for a high dome complete. I can't imagine the state house without a dome. It wouldn't look right. Every capitol built within the last thirty years has had a dome. They are all patterned after the national capitol."

Mere Trifle to Taxpayers.
"The amount it would cost, represented in figures on a state levy amounts to less than one-tenth of a mile, or 10 cents on the \$1,000 valuation. I took the trouble to investigate and I found the last legislature at least 95 percent in favor of the dome."

Seems that some national legislators would rather fork up a large indemnity than vote enough money for a big navy.

ITALIANS HAD TO STORM MOUNTAINS BEFORE TAKING CITY OF GORIZIA



MONTE SABOTINO, THE KEY TO GORIZIA

Gorizia, was the key to the city. The fort is situated on the edge of the high mountain, and an enormous sacrifice of life was made by King Victor Emmanuel's troops in the ascent of the peak shown on the right in the picture. The lines are Austrian trenches and other defensive works. The rounded structure at the left is a concrete Italian fort.

BRITISH RETAKE TRENCHES WHICH GERMANS CAPTURED

FRENCH HAVE TAKEN GERMAN TRENCHES ON THREE HUNDRED YARD FRONT NEAR FLEURY ON RIGHT BANK OF MEUSE IN VERDUN SECTOR.

Austrians Have Suffered Further Reverses on Carso Plateau, East of Gorizia, Where Italians Have Captured Austrian Trenches—Russians Have Crossed to Western Bank of the Zlota River and are Advancing Along the Upper Stripa, Where they Continue to Make Progress Against the Austrians in Galicia—Berlin Claims von Bothmer is Offering Determined Resistance to Russian Advance along Upper Stripa—Italians Entering Suburbs of Tolmino, following Bombardment.

The French captured the German trenches on a three hundred yard front on the right bank of the Meuse in the Verdun sector last night, says a Paris statement today.

On Carso plateau, east of Gorizia, the Austrians suffered further reverses at the hands of the Italians, a Rome official statement says. The Austrian trenches were captured by the Italians there.

Nearly all of the remaining trenches northwest of Pozieres on the Somme front, in which the Germans gained a foothold Sunday, have been retaken, London announced today.

The Russians are crossing to the west bank of the Zlota river and are advancing along the upper Stripa river, continuing their rapid advance against the Austrians in Galicia, Petrograd claims.

Berlin announces that the Austro-Hungarian troops under General von Bothmer are offering a determined resistance to the Russian advance along the upper Stripa and have repulsed strong attacks in the Seborow-Koninchy sector.

Italian troops have entered the suburbs of Tolmino, which has been under continuous shell fire, according to a dispatch from Turin to Paris. The Austrians are said to be evacuating that city.

Another small engagement on the Balkan front of which there have been several recently, was fought south of Lake Deiran, northwest of Saloniki, in which the enemy who attacked the Bulgarian outposts were repulsed, says a Berlin statement.

Tolmino is in Flames
Paris, Aug. 15.—The city of Tol-

mino, which is being besieged by the Italians, is in flames and its capitulation is expected momentarily, according to a dispatch from Buchs, Switzerland.

Italians Nearing Trieste
Geneva, Aug. 15.—The Italian advance guard is within thirteen miles of Trieste and the greater part of the Austrian fleet has sailed for an unknown destination, according to a telegram from Buchs, Switzerland.

TEXAS SHERIFFS IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 15.—The annual convention of the sheriffs' association of Texas opened here today in the city auditorium for a three days' session, with J. J. Perry of Hempstead, sheriff of Waller county calling the meeting to order as president. Efforts have been made to make this convention the largest in point of attendance in the history of the association.

A number of subjects of interest to these officers of the law, including matters touching on the fee system and the severance of the sheriff's office from that of tax collector, in the smaller counties, were on the program. Care of the insane in jails, and other matters, including a talk on "The Border Situation," by C. B. Hudspeth of El Paso, were slated.

WHEAT TAKES BIG JUMP.

Advance of Eight Cents Today on Reports of Crop Damage.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 15.—Wheat jumped eight cents per bushel on December options today on reports of crop damage.

Judging by the activity of the British troops, King George assuredly must now be at the front.

WILL NOT ASK MERCHANTS FOR ROAD MONEY

SECRETARY OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAYS THAT MERCHANTS WILL NOT BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO ROAD FUND

The secretary of the chamber of commerce stated this morning that in the future the chamber of commerce would not act as a collecting agency to secure funds for road working purposes for the reason that the gross production tax on oil in this county will be sufficient to take care of the road work in the county in the future, used in connection with the regular levy for road and bridge purposes.

Some time ago it was proposed that two days be set aside for road working purposes and the road overseers in every precinct in the county were given instructions to meet and warn every one in their neighborhood to be at certain points. The continued dry spell, however, put a stop to all these plans, and the road working days have been abandoned so far as the chamber of commerce is concerned.

Secretary West stated this morning that the road to McMillan leading to the Marshall county line, was in good condition with the exception of a mile near Smyrna cemetery which could be repaired at little cost. A delegation of citizens were in the city asking that the money be raised here for that purpose, but the secretary referred them to the board of county commissioners and advised them to make application for funds there.

The county recently received from the gross production tax on oil \$14,856.00, one-half of which will be used for road purposes. This is but one of many payments which will be received by the county, and the secretary states for this reason he is not going to ask the business men of this city to put up more money for road purposes.

USING MORE COTTON HERE.

United States Consumed More Than 6,000,000 Bales in Past Year.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—Cotton used in the United States during the year ending July 31, aggregated 6,395,972 bales as compared with 5,597,262 bales last year, the census bureau announced today.

Rent that room with a want ad.

DREADNAUGHT DESTROYED

ITALY'S BIGGEST WARSHIP, THE LEONARDO DE VINCI, CAUGHT FIRE AND BLEW UP.

HUNDREDS DROWNED

Dispatch to the Petit Journal Says Three Hundred of the Crew Were Drowned—No Details as to Date or Cause of the Accident.

Paris, Aug. 15.—The Italian dreadnaught, Leonardo de Vinci, caught fire and blew up in Tarento Harbor, Italy, and three hundred of her crew were drowned, says a dispatch to the Petit Journal.

No date of the disaster is given. This ship was of 22,000 tons, was 575 feet long and one of the largest ships in the Italian navy.

NOT BRIGHT FOR PROPOSED BOND ISSUE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WANT THE COMMITTEE FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO PREPARE AND PRESENT PETITIONS

Unless the committee recently appointed by the chamber of commerce to prepare and present a petition to the board of county commissioners asking that they call an election for voting on the question of issuing bonds for road purposes is forthcoming, the board will not authorize the election.

Such is practically the statement of the entire board this morning. Some time ago this committee was formed for the purpose above set forth, but up to date nothing has been accomplished. The board is a unit for the bonds but want the people to help bear any expense that might be imposed by those who oppose bond issues on general principals.

Revenues for road purposes from every source in this county this year will be entirely inadequate to build a system of permanent roads, and unless a bond issue is authorized and carries the chances for a permanent highway system the coming year is anything but flattering.

At the present time the county can only vote bonds in the sum of \$125,000 which many contend will not begin to give us the road system to which the county is entitled. It is all the county commissioners can do however, and this amount together with other revenues from the gross production tax and the regular levy would give approximately \$225,000 for road purposes. The commissioners are anxious to take some action in this matter but they have checked it up to the committee to see what they intend doing about it.

If this amount was voted as above set forth and then the county was to secure government aid as it is claimed it can if all plans and specifications are complied with it would then give the county \$450,000 provided the above figures are correctly estimated as the government proposes to put up a dollar for permanent roads every time a county will do so.

Commissioner G. W. Young stated this morning that he was in favor of deferring the election until the general election in November as it will cost \$750.00 to hold a special election, and he further stated that he thought the bond question would have a better chance to carry if voted upon at the regular election than it would have at a special election. However he stated that if the people wanted a special election all they had to do was to petition and the board would call it, if they wait until November however a petition will not be necessary and he states that the board will call for it anyhow.